GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3142
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INDIAN ENCLAVES IN TERRITORY OF BANGLADESH
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters received from MPs during the last three years about the poor living conditions of Indian Citizens in Indian enclaves within the territory of Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, the action taken so far by the Government to improve the living condition of such Indian Citizens?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a) and (b): A letter has been received from an Hon`ble Member of Parliament regarding the problems faced by Indian Nationals living in Indian Enclaves in Bangladesh.The Government is committed to the exchange of the Enclaves in accordance with the terms of the 1974 Land Boundary Agreement. The Government of India has not been able to render any service to the nationalsliving in the enclaves on account of lack of access to the Enclaves in Bangladesh.The Government of India and Bangladesh have established Joint-Boundary Working Groups to discuss this and other pending matters relating to the implementation of the 1974 Agreement.